



**STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
POLICY DIRECTIVE**

Policy No. DOC 4.5.48	Subject: <b>HOSPITAL AND SPECIALTY CARE</b>	
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Section 5: Clinical Services		Effective Date: January 4, 2021
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Clinical Services Division Administrator Signature: /s/ Connie Winner		

**I. POLICY**

The Department of Corrections will ensure hospitalization and specialty care are available to offenders who need these services.

**II. APPLICABILITY**

All secure care facilities Department-owned and contracted.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

**Responsible Health Authority** – The Clinical Services Division Administrator that is tasked with ensuring the organization and delivery of health care in the facility.

**Specialty Care** – Specialist provided health care (e.g., nephrology, surgery, dermatology, orthopedics).

**IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES**

**A. General Requirements**

1. The Clinical Services Division ensures that there is appropriate and timely access to hospital (acute care and psychiatric) and specialist care when necessary.
2. When offenders are referred for outside care, written or verbal information about the offender and the specific problem to be addressed must be communicated to the outside entity.
3. For on-site specialty services used regularly for medical and mental health care, CSD ensures the providers are appropriate licensed and/or certified.
4. Off-site facilities or health professionals provide a summary of the treatment given and any follow-up instructions, including specific instructions about the signs, symptoms, or conditions that require return to the hospital; this information accompanies the offender on return to the facility.

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5. The health record contains results and recommendations from off-site visits or attempts by health staff to obtain these results.

**V. CLOSING**

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Clinical Services Division Administrator.

**VI. REFERENCES**

- A. P-D-08; National Commission on Correctional Health Services in Prisons, 2018*
- B. MH-D-05; National Commission on Correctional Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities, 2015*
- C. Y-D-05; National Commission on Correctional Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities, 2015*

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

None